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In re Patent Application of)	MAIL STOP RCE
Takenori Idehara et al.)	Group Art Unit: 2152
Application No.: 09/961,363)	Examiner: Ramsey Refai
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For: NETWORK DEVICE CONNECTING)	
SYSTEM, DATA TRANSMISSION)	
DEVICE, DATA RECEIVING)	
DEVICE, AND PORTABLE)	
TERMINAL)	

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 10, 2007, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the claims.

Claims 67 and 68 were rejected under the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. §112. The Examiner states that he is unable to find support in the specification for the recitations in claims 67 and 68 that the certain condition includes a condition "where the wireless communication unit fails to communicate with the portable device after a predetermined time," and "when the portable terminal device is out of a range from the wireless communication unit based upon connection checks at a constant time interval," respectively. It is respectfully submitted that a written description of this subject matter can be found, for example, in paragraphs 0173-0175. As described therein, the printer attempts to connect with the portable terminal at a constant time interval. For example, the printer may attempt to make the connection every 20